

CLAIMS

1. An opened book holding device to permit an opened book to be held open at a selected pair of adjacent pages, said device including:

a base;

a lip extending upwardly from said base and dimensioned to abut with a lower edge of said book;

at least one cover support mounted on said base and dimensioned to support a corresponding outer cover of said book; and

biasing means to resiliently bias the or each said cover support towards said lip;

wherein said lip and said cover support(s) are dimensioned to resiliently clamp said opened book therebetween.

2. A device according to claim 1 including a pair of said cover supports each of which is independently resiliently biased.

3. A device according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said cover support(s) are adjustably mounted on said base to alter the degree of inclination thereof relative to said base.

4. A device according to claim 3 wherein said cover support(s) are selectively inclinable relative to said base into any one of a plurality of pre-selected positions.

5. A device according to claim 3 or 4 wherein said cover support(s) are hingedly mounted to said base.

6. A device according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein said cover support(s) are formed as a cantilever which constitutes said biasing means.

7. An opened book holding device to permit an opened book to be held open at a selected pair of adjacent pages, said device being substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

8. A method of holding open a selected pair of adjacent pages of a book having a front cover, a back cover, and a plurality of pages, said method including the steps of:

- (i) opening said book at said selected pair of adjacent pages;
- (ii) placing said front cover and said back cover on a cover support means;

and

- (iii) resiliently urging said cover support means towards a lip to abut said book with said lip to thereby clamp said book between said lip and said cover support means.

9. A method according to claim 8 including the step of adjustably mounting said cover supports to a base such that said cover supports inclination angle can be altered.

10. A method of holding open a selected pair of adjacent pages of a book, said method being substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.